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SUBJECT: PROPOSED USIS SEMINAR ON US POLICY FOR SOUTH AFRICA

REF: STATE 64931,

1. I BELIEVE A WELL-DESIGNED AND EXECUTED SEMINAR ON
US POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA WOULD HELP CUT THROUGH A
FOG OF MISREPRESENTATION WHICH THE SAG HAS GENERATED IN
RECENT MONTHS, PARTICULARLY IF WE HAVE ACCESS TO NATION-WIDE
RADIO AND TELEVISION FOR SOME OF THE SEMINAR AND THE
"ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE."

2. CHOICE OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN SEMINAR IS OBVIOUSLY
VERY IMPORTANT. WE NEED PERSONS WHO CAN ARTICULATE US
POLICY WITH COMPREHENSION AND CONVICTION AND ARE CREDIBLE
TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC. TO ILLUSTRATE, SENATOR
MOYNIHAN, WHO REMAINS SOMEWHAT OF A FOLK HERE HERE,
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IF HE WERE TO EXPLAIN
AND SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. WITH RESPECT TO "ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE", I AGREE
THAT BROADENING THE ARTICULATION OF OUR POLICY THROUGH
INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER HIGH-LEVEL SPOKESMEN WOULD BE
PREFERABLE. THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS THE ARTICULATOR AT
VIENNA AND MAJOR PRESS INTERVIEW IN RAND DAILY MAIL LAST
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OCTOBER. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER
BRZEZINSKI OR SECRETARY VANCE BE CONSIDERED. BOTH COULD
PRESENT OUR POLICY IN A GLOBAL AS WELL AS REGIONAL
FRAMEWORK WHICH WOULD HELP BROADEN THE INSULAR FOCUS
PREVAILING HERE.

4. REGARDING TIMING, I THINK IT HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO
HAVE SEMINAR WHILE PARLIAMENT IS STILL IN SESSION (APRIL
OR MAY) IN ORDER TO GET BROADEST POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT
OF MP'S. SPECIFIC TIMING WOULD DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY
OF PARTICIPANTS AND SABC-TV AND RADIO ARRANGEMENTS.
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